# TALK IT OVER

**DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY? (PART 4) | PASTOR TROY STEIN**

## KEY SCRIPTURES

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. [26] Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. [27] "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. [28] In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."
**Matthew 23:25-28 NIV**

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,."
**Ephesians 3:16 NIV**

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."
**2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV**

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,"
**Romans 5:20 NIV**

## START TALKING

What did you (or do you) struggle to stop doing? (Please share)

## START THINKING

Pastor Troy said, "The reason you can't change is because you're focusing on the ***poison of religion*** and forgetting the ***power of grace***." What do you think about this?

What is your thought process like when you're trying to break a bad habit? How could you focus less on the outward and more on the inward power of grace?

Read **2 Corinthians 12:9**. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. Where might you need to rely on God's power more than yours? (Discuss)

Pastor Troy said, "You are only as strong as you are honest." Name a habit in your life that you'd like to change. How can your church support you?

## START PRAYING

Jesus, it can be really easy to believe we need to earn Your approval. Remind us of Your grace, which not only forgives our sins but also frees us from them, too. Please help us have hearts focused only on You. In Your powerful Name, Amen.

## START DOING

Spend time each day this week asking God to remind you of His perfect and abundant grace.